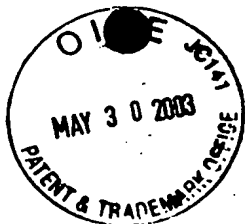


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AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

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SIR:

In response to the Office Action mailed January 30, 2003, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS

C¹ 15. (Amended) The composition according to Claim 1, wherein the quantity of oily phase ranges from 2.5% to 60% by weight relative to the total weight of the composition.

38. (Amended) The composition according to Claim 35, wherein the quantity of oligomeric or polymeric emulsifier present ranges from 0.1% to 10% by weight relative to the total weight of the composition.

C² 39. (Amended) A physiologically acceptable topical composition, comprising:
an aqueous phase dispersed in an oily phase, and an oligomeric or polymeric emulsifier comprising i) a polyolefinic apolar component comprising at least 40 carbon atoms

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